

# David Site Display to Open on the Mason Neck Bike Trail



On Sunday, October 17, at 3:30 in the afternoon there will be an opening ceremony for the trailside display interpreting the David archaeological site. Following a ribbon-cutting with Supervisor Gerry Hyland at the display, located on the bike trail along Gunston Road, a few yards north of High Point Road, there will be a program and refreshments in the new interpretive wing of the Mason Neck State Park Visitors Center. County archaeologist Mike Johnson will speak on his new research concerning the geology that formed Mason Neck and its environment, and his search for Dogue Island. Paul Inashima, the archaeologist who conducted the excavations, will speak on his findings at the prehistoric site. The David Site was named for the late Elizabeth David, the county's first preservation planner, who helped create the county historic preservation and archaeology program.

This extraordinary site, located on land owned by Gunston Hall, was intermittently occupied for more than 13,000 years, from Paleoindian to possibly early European contact years. The site yielded thousands of artifacts, 27 cultural features and 7 radiocarbon dates, and a new understanding of the human ecology of Mason Neck.

The event is sponsored by Supervisor Gerry Hyland, FOFA (the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources), the Mason Neck Citizens Association, Mason Neck State Park, and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

We hope you can attend this event.